

of the Legislature can be in violation of this provision prohibiting an acceptance of financial gain as a result of voting, deliberating or taking any other action on any other matter that comes before the Legislature. Well, now what good is a bribery statute if it says, number one, you can't benefit from financial gain and then turns around and says, under no circumstances can you be prosecuted for voting, deliberating or taking any other action on any matter that comes before the Legislature. It guts it. It completely guts it. Now, that is why the Accountability and Disclosure Commission has, by a vote, I understand it, asked us to reject this particular amendment and I think we should reject this amendment until we have a clearer idea as to the full effect it has. Now, back in 1975 and 1976 there were five attorneys in the state, a group of us worked on the proposal that we made to the Legislature at that time to adopt a Sunshine Law, we called it. And this happens to be the section I worked on and this language, this financial gain language is standard language that is used in a lot of statutes around the country, a lot of conflicts of interest and bribery statutes around the country, to prescribe...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...bribery and other activities that bring financial gain. And what we are doing again, as I indicated, we are tacking on a little exception to this statute saying we can't be prosecuted for that, for the act of voting or deliberating or taking any other action on any matter that comes before the Legislature. So I would urge the body at this time to reject this, understanding that the same provision is present in the conflicts of interest section which deals with a broader question and understanding that when we get into the narrower issue of accepting financial gain we have got to leave some teeth in the statutes or we are asking for trouble. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, let it go.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I think this is kind of an